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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	European Semester 2022 - Roadmap

Delegations will find below the above-mentioned roadmap, as presented by the Presidency and the incoming Presidency.

Following established practice, the Presidency and the incoming Presidency have prepared this roadmap outlining the key steps of the 2022 European Semester.

The objectives of the roadmap are to ensure that all relevant Council configurations and their preparatory bodies work in a coordinated and consistent manner towards a thorough preparation of the European Council debates on the European Semester and to enable the General Affairs Council and Coreper to oversee the process.

The roadmap is divided into two phases: the first, in more detail, covers the period up to the March European Council, and the second, more indicative, covers the period between the European Council meetings in March and June 2022.

The incoming Presidency is initiating discussions with the Chairs of the committees with a view to coordinating the management of their work throughout the semester. The incoming Presidency will keep Coreper informed.

The Presidency and the incoming Presidency acknowledge the parliamentary dimension, both at national and European level, of the European Semester and take note of the intention to hold a joint debate on the European Semester with the European Parliament in March 2022.

FIRST PHASE

Run-up to the March European Council

5 October 2021: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- European Semester 2021: Lessons learnt and a way forward in the context of the Recovery and Resilience Facility - *Exchange of views*
- Implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility - *State of play / Exchange of views*

Mid-October 2021

- Submission of draft Budgetary Plans by euro area members

15 October 2021: Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council

- Key Employment Challenges: Key messages from the Employment Committee (EMCO) based on the Annual Employment Performance Report and the Employment Performance Monitor - *Endorsement*
- Key Social Challenges: Key messages from the Social Protection Committee (SPC) based on the Annual Review of the Social Protection Performance Monitor - *Endorsement*
- Council Decision on Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States (Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Art. 148(2) TFEU) - *Adoption*
- The future of the European Semester with a strong role of the European Pillar of Social Rights - *Policy debate*

9 November 2021: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- Implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility - *State of play / Exchange of views*
- Conclusions on the future of the European Semester in the context of the Recovery and Resilience Facility - *Approval*

24 November 2021: European Semester Autumn package 2022

- Adoption by the Commission of the Annual Sustainable Growth Survey, alongside with the proposal for the Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area, draft Joint Employment Report 2022 and the Alert Mechanism Report
- Adoption by the Commission of the opinions on the draft Budgetary Plans for euro area Member States

Second half of November 2021

Immediately after the publication of the draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area, the division of labour and the coordination arrangements between committees, as well as the methods for consolidating committees' views, will be confirmed

25-26 November 2021: Competitiveness Council

- Implementation of the Recovery Plan for Europe - *policy debate*

(poss.) End November, mid-December 2021

- Committees (Economic Policy Committee in Eurogroup format, Eurogroup working group, Eurogroup working group - Alternates) prepare the draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area, including the joint contribution covering the employment and social aspects by the Employment Committee and Social Protection Committee

6 December 2021: Eurogroup

- Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area - presentation by the Commission
- Assessment of euro area Member States' draft Budgetary Plans and of the euro area budgetary situation and prospects

6-7 December 2021: Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council

- European Semester 2022 - *Policy debate*
- 2022 Annual Sustainable Growth Survey (ASGS), draft Joint Employment Report 2022 (JER) and draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area - *Presentation by the Commission*

7 December 2021: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- European Semester 2022: Annual Sustainable Growth Survey 2022, Alert Mechanism Report 2022 and Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area - *presentation by the Commission*
- Implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility - *State of play / Exchange of views*

14 December 2021: General Affairs Council

- European Semester 2022 - Roadmap - presentation by the Presidency and the incoming Presidency

17 January 2022: Eurogroup

- Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area

18 January 2022: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- Conclusions on the 2022 Annual Sustainable Growth Survey - *approval*
- Conclusions on the 2022 Alert Mechanism Report - *approval*
- Draft 2022 Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area - *approval*
- (poss.) Implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility - *exchange of views*

January 2022

- Employment and social aspects of the draft 2022 Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area - *approval*

22 February 2022: General Affairs Council

- Preparation of the March European Council - annotated draft agenda

24 February 2022: Competitiveness Council (Internal Market and Industry)

- thematic debate

(poss.) 25 February 2022: Competitiveness Council (Research)

- thematic debate

7-10 March 2022: European Parliament plenary session

- Joint debate on the European Semester (tbc)

14 March 2022: Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council (Social)

- thematic debate
- Council conclusions on the 2022 Annual Sustainable Growth Survey and Joint Employment Report - *approval*
- Joint Employment Report 2022 - *adoption*

15-16 March 2022 (tbc): Parliamentary week in the framework of the European Semester

- Debates between members of relevant committees from the European Parliament and national parliaments

17 March 2022: Environment Council

- thematic debate

22 March 2022: General Affairs Council

- Preparation of the March European Council:
 - Draft conclusions
 - Synthesis report on Council contributions on the 2022 European Semester: exchange of views
 - Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area: transmission to the European Council
 - Updated roadmap on the 2022 European Semester

24-25 March 2022: European Council

- Exchange of views on the economic and employment situation
- Guidance to Member States for their 2022 Stability and Convergence Programmes and National Reform Programmes
- Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area - *endorsement*

SECOND PHASE

Run-up to June European Council

Before 30 April 2022

- Further to the guidance provided by the European Council, Member States submit their 2022 National Reform Programmes and 2022 Stability or Convergence Programmes

5 April 2022: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- Draft Recommendation on the economic policy of the euro area - *adoption*

May/June 2022: Spring package

- Commission to present its country-specific analysis (country reports), 2022 recommendations for Council Recommendations delivering Opinions on the 2022 Stability and Convergence Programmes and on national reform programmes (country-specific recommendations) and, where applicable, in-Depth Reviews under the Macroeconomic Imbalances Procedure
- Commission to publish its proposal for a Council Decision on Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States
- Immediately after publication of the country-specific recommendations, division of labour and coordination and cooperation arrangements between committees as well as the methods for consolidating committee views will be confirmed

Early June 2022

- EFC, EPC, EMCO and SPC preparatory work on the 2022 country-specific recommendations

16-17 June 2022: Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council

- thematic debate
- Opinion of the Employment Committee (EMCO) and the Social Protection Committee (SPC)
- *endorsement*
- European Semester 2022: country-specific recommendations - *approval*

17 June 2022: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- European Semester 2022: country-specific recommendations - *approval*
- (Poss.) Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact – Recommendation under the Excessive Deficit Procedure - *adoption*

21 June 2022: General Affairs Council

- Preparation of the June European Council: draft conclusions
- Approval of integrated country-specific recommendations and transmission to the European Council

23-24 June 2022: European Council

- Conclusions
- Integrated country-specific recommendations: endorsement

July 2022: Economic and Financial Affairs Council

- Integrated country-specific recommendations: adoption
- Council conclusions on in-depth reviews under the Macroeconomic Imbalances Procedure and implementation of policy reform priorities